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Wednesday, December 22, 1909.

The state officers and employes are playing in great luck at this time of the year. They cannot make Christmas presents to each other if they wanted to, because the law absolutely forbids it, and for fear that any should forget the law Governor Glasscock has issued an order stating that he will enforce the law where he hears of any violation of it.

NAME R. H. FREER.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Governor Glasscock to-day appointed Romeo H. Freer, of Harrisville, a representative of the state to meet with the commission appointed by Governor Stuart, of Pennsylvania, to prepare plans for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, in 1913.

SUGAR MEN ARE GUILTY.

New York, Dec. 17.—The jury tonight found guilty five of the six employees of the American Sugar Refining company, who have been on trial for the past three weeks, charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the government of customs due on imported raw sugar. In the case of James F. Bendernagel, a former cashier of the company's Williamsburg plant, the jury disagreed. Mercy is recommended for all those found guilty.

LAW AGAINST WHITE SLAVE TRADE.

Legislation tending to restrict the White Slave trade may be enacted by the next session of the West Virginia legislature says the Huntington Herald. At present there is no law on the statute book to correct this modern evil, but it is believed that several bills will be introduced at the next session of the legislature.

Recent disclosures show that there has been a large traffic in West Virginia cities, especially among those near the borders of other States, and it is said that hundreds of girls have been enticed into West Virginia from Ohio and Kentucky.

RICH WEST VIRGINIA.

The report of the National Monetary Commission contains some interesting disclosures about West Virginia, in that the total banking resources per capita of the state are \$112.66, leading the list of southern states. The per capita of the Old Dominion is only \$88.61, which shows how much further the new state has progressed in material wealth than the parent commonwealth. With a primacy in oil and gas and a good third in coal production and constant development going on it does not take a prophet to see what our ultimate destiny will be among the states of the union.

BELGIAN KING DEAD.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—Leopold died as he had lived, relentless, repelling his exiled daughters and clinging tenaciously to his favorites. Princess Louise, the eldest of the three daughters, arrived here today. The second daughter, the unfortunate Stephanie, was here when her father died, but was refused permission to see him till after death.

The funeral will be held this Wednesday. The ceremonial observed at the burial of his father, Leopold I., will be followed. Prince Albert will take the oath as king next Thursday.

Our idea of a good man is one who merely thinks his swear words.

THE CENTRAL BANK.

NOW IS THE TIME TO FIGHT THE CENTRAL BANK IDEA.

The people have another fight ahead. The financiers have decided that they can coerce congress into creating a central bank to manage the government's money matters, and they are going to make the effort. Possibly the President's advocacy of it may explain the sudden collapse of Wall Street's opposition to Mr. Taft's nomination. At any rate the Napoleons of finance are not willing to risk delay—the next Congress may be Democratic. And then there will be changes in the Senate and these are likely to lesson Wall Street's control of that body. Now is the time, so they think, and the acquiescence of a majority of the republicans in the Aldrich plan lends them to believe that the rank and file of the Republican party will tolerate anything. But will they?

The Standard Oil Trust lost its tariff on oil and the steel trust came near losing its tariff on iron ore. The new telegraph-telephone merger is giving the people a shock, and the demand for a ship subsidy is making them sit up and take notice. This may not, after all, be an opportune time to launch a gigantic bank monopoly.

Senator Aldrich has had his swing around the circle and met the local financiers who hope to represent the bank in their respective communities, but what about those who will be left out in the cold?

A central bank does not fit into our institutions; it is a foreign idea and can not be brought into harmony with our instincts and business methods. It would destroy all independence in the banking world. In Canada they have branch banks but they have a number of them and competition still exists, but even then the business man suffers an inconvenience in having to have his paper passed upon by an outsider and the depositor runs the risk of having his money used to build up some other community. With a great central bank all competitors would become timid lackeys, afraid to offend, to say or do anything that would displease the officials of the big bank. With a great central bank the money would be gathered up at the extremities and poured into the commercial centers. The depositors would soon find the interests reduced on deposits and the bank would increase its profits from both depositor and borrower, for there would be no competitors who would dare to pay more or charge less than the central bank. Not only would such a central bank dominate but it would control politics as well. Nick Biddell told President Jackson that it could elect or defeat presidential candidates and the hero of New Orleans replied with an oath that if it could it had more power than it ought to have and more than he was willing for it to retain.

If a central bank is created it is only a question of time when its tyranny will become unbearable. But why invite such a condition?

Now is the time to fight the central bank idea; every newspaper should warn its readers; every voter should write to his senators and members of congress protesting against the whole scheme. The smaller banks should array themselves against it. The advocates of the central bank are using the corporation papers to mislead the reading public; it is high time that the patriotic forces were aroused to the danger. The plans of the bank monopoly must be defeated.—Commoner.

LEWISBURG MAN SELECTED TO SUCCEED RUCKER AT ROMNEY SCHOOL.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Governor Glasscock to-day appointed R. Carey Montague, of Lewisburg, superintendent of school for the deaf and blind at Romney, to succeed Jas. T. Rucker, resigned. Mrs. Montague was named as matron.

The Ohio girl who sold ten pounds of old love letters to the ragman for a nickel probably got the best of the bargain.

A CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE PEOPLE.

While Jas. J. Hill has been explaining existing high prices on the theory that the supply of food stuffs does not equal the demand, the United States district attorney for New York has discovered that they are the result, to certain extent, of a conspiracy. The manufacturers of meat, dairy products, cereal and other food stuffs have been selling to the wholesaler under contracts which bind the latter to maintain prices arbitrarily fixed. These prices have, on an average, represented an advance of 30 per cent., which represents approximately the increase in the cost of living.

The contract was an iron-clad agreement for violation of which there were fines and boycott. For instance the manufacturer refused to sell goods until the wholesaler agreed to sell to the retailer at the prices fixed by the manufacturer, and to conform to any advance in price. The wholesaler also bound himself not to sell to a retailer who "cut" prices. Further trade relations depended on affidavits that contracts had not been violated, failure to present which was also cause for terminating business relations. Salesmen were required to take oath that agreements had been kept. Thus the contract fixed the price to the consumer; yes, forced it on him, and was a conspiracy against the people.

Copies of contracts such as these fell into the district attorney's hands and constituted the very best evidence of violation of the Inter-state Commerce law. He served notice on manufacturers uttering them that they were engaged in acts in restraint of trade, and agreements were immediately canceled. He proposes to continue serving notices until he has called every conspirator to account. Yet he should not stop there; he should prosecute and punish every violator of law, so vigorously and effectively that men who have been robbing the people will never dare undertake to do so again. The crime is so diabolical that its perpetrators should be made social outcasts.

It seems almost incredible that manufacturers could have so completely dominated trade as the investigation disclosed. One would think that there would have been some retailer to vigorously protest to the wholesaler, and some wholesaler who had manhood enough to expose the men who were taking bread out of the mouths of hard-working men and women and innocent children. That there was not a man who dared open his mouth until he had been boycotted, is a sad commentary on the quality of humanity current in this day and generation. Truly "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

The district attorney's discoveries go a long way toward disproving Mr. Hill's theory of high prices; they also show more plainly than ever the influence of high protection on the cost of living. Had the tariff law not enabled the manufacturers to control the raw material of their products, they could not have arbitrarily fixed prices to the wholesalers through iron-clad contracts. The devil behind the stump in this whole devilish business is the Aldrich Tariff law which creates opportunities for capital to rob the people. Amendment of that law so that it give the people a square deal is the great duty of this Sixty-first Congress; and it will be derelict in duty if it does not so amend the law.

Yes, and more. If this Sixty-first Congress does not amend the Aldrich law, it will become party to this conspiracy against the people, and will be held responsible by them.—Pennsylvania Grit.

STEAL VALUABLE FURS.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 17.—The store of E. F. Connor & Co., at Cuba, in Jackson county, was entered by burglars and furs amounting in value to \$500 were stolen. Bloodhounds were placed on the trail of the thieves and traced them to the Ohio river, and it is supposed that they escaped across the line.

A girl never has very much respect for a man's judgment if his neckties don't match his complexion.

Trustee's Sale,

Of Real Estate in the Town of Henderson, Mason County, West Virginia.

Under and by virtue of a certain deed of trust executed by Beatrice McCoy and L. S. McCoy, her husband, to the undersigned Trustee, dated the 29th day of May, 1905, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Mason County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 28, page 490, etc., to secure the payment of a certain debt, therein fully described, in favor of Modern Building & Loan Association, in manner and form and according to the terms and provisions in said trust deed specified, and said debt having become due and payable, and default having been made in the payment thereof, and being required by said Modern Building & Loan Association, the creditor secured by the deed of trust aforesaid, I, the undersigned Trustee, shall on

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commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., sell at public auction at the front door of the Court House of said Mason County, to the highest bidder, the following property, situated in the State of West Virginia, County of Mason and town of Henderson:

A certain lot or parcel of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on north side of Forrest street fifty (50) feet West of Henderson street, and corner to lot formerly owned by J. G. Forrest, thence in a Westerly direction along the line of said Forrest street fifty (50) feet to a stake, corner to lot owned by L. A. Walker, thence in a Northerly direction with the line of lot of said L. A. Walker one hundred and fifty (150) feet to a stake corner to Pullin's Alley, thence in an Easterly direction along said alley fifty (50) feet corner of said J. G. Forrest lot, thence in a Southerly direction with the line of said Forrest lot one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the place of beginning.

Terms of sale:—Cash.
J. S. SPENCER, Trustee.
Dec. 1-4w

Trustee's Sale,

Of Real Estate in the Town of Henderson, Mason County, West Virginia.

Under and by virtue of a certain deed of trust executed by John Stockhoff and Elizabeth Stockhoff, his wife, to the undersigned trustee, dated the 7th day of July, 1902, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Mason County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 28, page 152, etc., to secure the payment of a certain debt, therein fully described, in favor of Modern Building & Loan Association, in manner and form and according to the terms and provisions in said trust deed specified, and said debt having become due and payable, and default having been made in the payment thereof, and being required by said Modern Building & Loan Association, the creditor secured by the deed of trust aforesaid, I, the undersigned Trustee, shall on

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commencing at 10:30 o'clock a. m., sell at public auction at the front door of the Court House of said Mason County to the highest bidder, the following property, situated in the State of West Virginia, County of Mason and Town of Henderson: A certain lot or parcel of land bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake one hundred and forty (140) feet on the line of Locust street West of the Northeast corner of Locust and Smith streets, same being Northeast corner Block "E" in said town, thence in a Southerly direction through said Block parallel with the line of Smith street one hundred and fifty (150) feet, thence in a Westerly direction twenty-five (25) feet parallel with the line of Locust street, thence in a Northerly direction parallel with the line of Smith street one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the line of Locust street, thence in an Easterly direction twenty-five (25) feet to the place of beginning.

Also a certain other lot or parcel of land bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake on the South side of Locust street in Block "E" of said town, same being a corner to lot owned by Mott Barton, thence in a Westerly direction along the line of Locust street forty (40) feet to corner of the lot above described, thence in a Southerly direction along the line of said lot one hundred and fifty (150) feet, thence in an Easterly direction forty (40) feet to the Southwest corner of the lot owned by Mott Barton, thence in a Northerly direction along the line of the lot belonging to said Mott Barton one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the place of beginning.

Terms of sale:—CASH.
J. S. SPENCER, Trustee.
Dec 1-4w

Trustee's Sale,

Of Real Estate in the Town of Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia.

Under and by virtue of a certain deed of trust executed by N. P. Armstrong to the undersigned Trustee, dated the 7th day of June, 1902, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Mason County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 25, page 370, etc., to secure the payment of a certain debt, therein fully described, in favor of J. D. McCulloch, now deceased, and said debt having become due and payable, and default having been made in the payment thereof, and being required by John McCulloch, Administrator of the personal estate of said J. D. McCulloch, deceased, I, the undersigned Trustee, shall on

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commencing at 11 o'clock a. m., sell at public auction at the front door of the Court House of said Mason County to the highest bidder, the following property, situated in the State of West Virginia, County of Mason, and Town of Point Pleasant:

A certain tract or parcel of land described as follows, to-wit: Being the upper end of what is known as the Kingtown property, including the river front and landing along the Kanawha River to line of property formerly owned by John Winkley, thence along the public road to Jewett Street, thence along East side of Jewett Street in a Northerly direction to Waggener's line, thence Easterly to lands of Kanawha & Michigan Railway Company, thence Southerly to the Kanawha River, save and except the school house lot heretofore sold and conveyed to Board of Education of Lewis District in said Mason County.

Terms of sale:—CASH.
J. S. SPENCER, Trustee.
Dec. 1-4w

Register \$1.00 a year.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

On and after the 1st day of January, 1910, 10 per cent. will be added to all taxes and will be collected. Deputies are instructed to make prompt collections of all taxes. This action becomes necessary on account of the great number of claims outstanding against the county, which MUST be paid in order to save interest. JOHN P. AUSTIN, Sheriff Mason County.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Stockholders of the Middleport, Clifton & New Castle Ferry Company, a corporation, created and organized under the State of West Virginia, held at Graham Station, Mason County, West Virginia, on the 27th day of November, 1909, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Middleport, Clifton & New Castle Ferry Company, a corporation, created and organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia, do hereby discontinue business as a corporation and surrender to said State its charter and corporate franchises.

Resolved, 2. That the President of this corporation cause notice of the adoption of the said foregoing resolutions to be published in some newspaper of general circulation near its principal office or place of business of this corporation once a week, for four successive weeks; and that he certify these resolutions to the Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, and deliver to him a certificate showing the publication of said notice as provided by law.

Given under my hand this 27th day of November, 1909.

T. B. WILKINSON,
President of said Corporation.
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The first instalment of real winter visited this section last Wednesday and gave us a sample of the real thing in the way of arctic weather.

Headquarters for Toys!

RED A HARNESS AND BUGGY CO

We have opened up a New Line of Toys from Start to Finish. NO OLD GOODS ON HAND. Some of the newest and latest styles in Toys. Ask to see the Comback Game for the young and old. We give away one Moving Picture outfit, one Hobby Horse and one Teddy Bear. Remember we must sell the Toys. Haven't room to carry the stock. Come early and make your choice. We will lay away what you want.

POINT PLEASANT, W. VA.

The Beautiful.

Every article of commerce for man's use should show the handiwork of the artist. The mission of art in the industries is to make the artisan artistic. Modern life is actually losing something of its bareness of aspect through both interior decorations of the things of use about the house and exterior beautification of the natural surroundings. Woodwork, ironwork, bronze work, weaving, basketry, pottery, printing, stamping, drawing, landscape gardening, architecture and public parks and the many other ways of beautifying the objects of utility to man are gradually making industrial life and its products attractive. A railway station, a factory, an advertisement, the dining table, are none the less useful for being aesthetic and far more pleasurable. From beauty in the industrial arts there thus irradiates a life influence that elevates.—Printing Art.

Willing to Quit.

Some convicts were pulverizing stone at the time of the official visit, and the governor of the prison was inspecting the work.

After contemplating the proceedings a few minutes the governor remarked: "Here, my man, you are not pulverizing that stone fine enough. That sort of thing will never do." The convict calmly rested his arms and said: "Guv'nor, I'm willing to be turned off and discharged if my work doesn't suit. I never applied for this job or the situation, and if my work ain't satisfactory I'm willing to go."—London Tit-Bits.

Possession may be nine points in law, but self-possession is all of it.

Women would have no use for a man if they couldn't impose on him.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION CALENDAR FOR 1910.

The publishers of The Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription (\$1.75) is paid for 1910 a beautiful Calendar for the new year. The picture panel which suggests the title, "Venetian," for the Calendar was painted by the famous marine artist, Thomas Moran. His Venetian scene, reproduced in the Calendar by thirteen-color lithography, will be found well worth preserving, long after 1910 is gone by.

The new volume of The Companion for 1910 will be like a treasure-chest, packed from cover to cover with all manner of things useful and pleasurable. If you cannot find any one who is not now a subscriber to The Companion, the only correct thing to do in the circumstances is to give it to yourself, for you do not want to be lonesome at Christmas time.

Some women are petitioning to have a woman's head put on the two cent postage stamp. Of course, a woman can carry the news fast enough, but we rebel at the thought of having to lick one every time we want to mail a letter.

